

Weymouth March 8th
Thursday (17) 1851

Dear Lucia,

The bellows
have been bustling in
a small way with such
fury that I have not
written a word to you
since Sunday night
when I got off Miss Estlin's
letter to Anne & one to
Warren enclosing one for
Anne. Monday was a
pleasant day, the princi-
pal thing I did was to talk
the building over with Baker
& get his estimates. I will
try to make the whole
matter out for you.
Aunt Mary's eye troubled
her so much that she
gave up going to Duxbury
the next day & wrote to
Elizabeth accordingly. This
day went off tolerably tran-
quilly. As has been said
& am at work up in the
pastime where he has spent
the last week, close to Et-
hridge. Tuesday we was
began with great spirit, before
I was dressed, just out
of bed. Jane came to say that
a lady wanted to see me
in the parlour. I went down
& found Jane Richards. She

had been in Boston the
day before & there Mr
Lindsey of Dorchester ac-
-compained by Nat Spooner
came to her to get her to
ask her father if he would
take a fugitive for whom
there was a warrant out
He was at Mrs Lindseys,
but that was thought to
be very unsafe, so near
Boston. Thompson was to take
over word ^{that} the morning.
He (the slave) was to be
placed in the tin-plate
workers employ as a apprentice
that is to pass for one & it
was thought the 10 work men
at work in the building could
protect him. But Jane said
they had no place for him
to sleep, could we keep him
at night? I said at once
certainly, but I would speak
to my mother. I went out
& found Pa & Ma at break-
fast & rushed into the hot
cool business at once you
may imagine the scene
which followed. Henry C Wright
to dine was nothing to it, see
Anne, he vowed the man
should not come, & told me
to go back & tell Jane we could
not take him. This of course I
declined to do, & after a short
& very severe conflict, I shall
say we will take him gladly.

I have said the man would
come by the train, or be
brought over in the evening.
I suspected, what I after-
wards found to be true
that Mrs P's nerves were
shaky & that a cheerful
courage was the thing
wanted. I made the
man welcome in the most
gracious manner. Jane
through the case urgent
for to Philip's went out
in the last train to Dor-
chester. I went out to
breakfast & then I there
the conflict was renewed,
if conflict it may be called
which after the point was
carried of consenting to take
the man was all on one side.
It was kept up with spirit
all day, so that by night a
riot, a rescue or a riot
seemed a very small matter.
I confided the matter to
our Jane, who cheerfully
consented to give up her
room, but thought she had
better not move till the
man arrived. It was however
a case like the Amnicions keep-
ing school - the man
never came. I wrote in town
wednesday for Perry to
ask Wendell all about it & if
there was pressing danger
your letter came enclosing

George's. He certainly feels
Harriet Byron & don't have
Mrs Richardson to write it
for him either. I hope the
new tea will refresh his
soul - you did quite well
in the way of writing, for
I had given you up in des-
pairs. I thought it very
shameful in Dixey Gay, not
to come up to see Sarah I thought
that she did not want to
come was no excuse. I hope
you sent the Bells yet. Give
my love to Sarah & tell her
I hope she is very careful of
herself. It was a good thing
to send Commodore's letter to
G. J. if the letter was a good
one. ~~It~~ Wednesday night
Hervey came in the last
train of cars. Wendell said
the man was he thought in
no pressing danger, though
he had reason for thinking
a warrant was out. The
man wanted to learn a trade
in the country. It would be
proclaiming a man a fugitive
to have him sleep at our house
& be pretence to the tin man, it
was to be pretence in name mer-
ly for they did not want him
but under the circumstances it
was best to let them make
their own arrangements. If any
one had come for him in